

## **README for “Border Crossings 2011-Present” dataset.**

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### **LINKS TO DATASET**

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A. Dataset archive link:

<https://doi.org/10.21949/1520810>

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### **SUMMARY OF DATASET**

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## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

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0. Title of Dataset:

Border Crossings 2011-Present [datasets]

1. Description of Dataset:

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2. Dataset archive link:

<https://doi.org/10.21949/1520810>

3. Authorship Information:

Principal Data Creator or Data Manager Contact Information

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Data Distributor Contact Information

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4. Date of data collection and update interval:

Annually

5. Geographic location of data collection:

United States of America.

6. Information about funding sources that supported the collection of the data:

U.S. Department of Transportation, Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

## **B. SHARING/ACCESS & POLICIES INFORMATION**

0. Recommended citation for the data:

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics [distributor]. (2021). Border Crossings 2011-Present [datasets]. <https://doi.org/10.21949/1520810>.

1. Licenses/restrictions placed on the data:

These data are in the Public Domain.

2. Was data derived from another source?:

No.

3. This dataset and its documentation was created and shared to meet the requirements enumerated in the U.S. Federally-Funded Scientific Research" Version 1.1 << <https://doi.org/10.21949/1520559> >> and guidelines suggested by the DOT Public Access website << <https://doi.org/10.21949/1503647> >>, in effect and current as of December 03, 2020.

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## C. DATA & RELATED FILE OVERVIEW

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### 1. File List for the bts\_Border Crossings\_20210311.zip collection

#### A. Filename:

border\_x\_XXXX.zip

#### Short description:

Compressed file folders containing the geospatial data for Border Crossings 2011-Present dataset. Listed below are the names of the compressed file folders, classified by vintage date: border\_x\_2011.zip, border\_x\_2012.zip, border\_x\_2013.zip, border\_x\_2014.zip, border\_x\_2015.zip

#### B. Filename:

bts\_Border Crossings\_DMP\_20210311.pdf

#### Short description:

A PDF file containing the Data Management Plan that was created for current and future management of the data and associated files.

#### C. Filename:

bts\_Border Crossings\_20210311\_README.txt

#### Short description:

The README.txt file that includes human-readable information about the data, variable definitions, contact information, and other contextual information. The file you are reading now.

### 2. File List for the border\_x\_XXXX.zip collection

#### A. Filename:

border\_x.shp

#### Short description:

A shapefile containing the geospatial data for Border Crossings 2011-Present dataset. This includes associated files with extensions .prj, .dbf, .sbn, .sbx, .shx.

#### B. Filename:

border\_x.txt

#### Short description:

A text file containing key metadata and documentation information such as methodology, procedures, data dictionary, etc.

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## **D. METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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1. Description of methods used for collection/generation of data:

N/A

2. Instrument- or software-specific information needed to interpret the data:

The data and documentation files can be opened with Esri ArcMap and any GIS software package.

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## **E. DATA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

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1. XXXXXX data table

Data is updated annually. Dataset Manager is contacted to verify changes to data resulting in NTAD update. The metadata is updated in the same manner. For the most recent data, please visit the NTAD catalog at <https://data-usdot.opendata.arcgis.com/>

A. Number of variables (columns):

The data dictionary found in (.txt documentation) provides definitions for the variables

B. Data Dictionary/Variable List:

Because of the large number of variables, please refer to the Data Dictionary found within the file Border Crossings.txt for names, definitions, and formats of variables.

C. Missing data codes:

None

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## **F. UPDATE LOG**

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